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**From:** Kirsten Markwell [<mailto:KEMarkwell@uiwater.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2013 12:40 PM

**To:** Jocelyn.Boyd; Hipp, Dawn

**Subject:** FW: Pass-Through Bulk Water Rate Increases

**Importance:** High

Dear Ms. Boyd,

Attached please find additional information for the PSC to consider for the USSC Pass Thru from the City of Columbia this week. The original email was sent to you on 4/8/2013, as was a hard copy letter. Dawn Hipp at ORS recommended I send the attached to you to supplement the original email and letter.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Markwell

**Current City of Columbia Bulk Water Rates Now Being Passed Through to Dutchman Shores, Dutch Village and Raintree Acres S/D Customers**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Base/Min.</u>
2"	\$81.60
3"	\$163.20
4"	\$255.00
6"	\$510.00
<u>Charge per 100 cubic ft.</u>	
First 9,700	\$3.23
Next 90,000	\$3.06
Over 100,000	\$2.89

**City of Columbia Bulk Water Rates Effective 5/1/2013 to be Passed Through to Dutchman Shores, Dutch Village and Raintree Acres S/D Customers After Approval**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Base/Min.</u>
2"	\$40.80
3"	\$81.60
4"	\$127.50
6"	\$255.31
<u>Charge per 100 cubic ft.</u>	
First 9,700	\$3.49
Next 90,000	\$3.30
Over 100,000	\$3.09

Source: City of Columbia website :

<http://columbia.sc.gov/cocextranet/assets/File/Utilities&Engineering/CCDocs/AboutRatePDF.pdf>

Please see attached file "City of Columbia Rate Change Effective 2013.05.01.pdf"



# Restructuring Rates: About the Rate Restructure

## The Rate Change

The City made 4 basic changes to the water and sewer rates that become effective on May 1, 2013.

- Base water rates are reduced for meters 1" or larger. The first 300 cu. ft. of drinking water is still included in this rate.
- All customers will see a 7.96% increase in their water and sewer volumetric rates.
- Water customers with dual meters will no longer be charged the base rate for both meters. Instead, they will be charged the base rate of the larger meter.
- Sewer customers with dual meters will no longer be charged the base rate for the larger meter. Instead, they will be charged the base rate of the smaller meter.

The **Water Base Rate** is changing as follows:

Monthly Water Use (ft <sup>3</sup> )	Meter Size (inches)	In City		Out of City	
		Current	May 1st	Current	May 1st
Minimum - 300	5/8	6.00	6.00	10.20	10.20
	1	15.00	10.02	25.50	17.03
	1 ½	30.00	15.00	51.00	25.50
	2	48.00	24.00	81.60	40.80
	3	96.00	48.00	163.20	81.60
	4	150.00	75.00	255.00	127.50
	6	300.00	150.18	510.00	255.31
	8	480.00	240.00	816.00	408.00
	10	750.00	476.52	1,275.00	810.08
Additional charge per 100 ft <sup>3</sup> apply					

The **Water Volumetric Rate** is changing as follows:

Monthly Water Use (ft <sup>3</sup> )	In City		Out of City	
	Current	May 1st	Current	May 1st
<i>Residential</i>				
Next 9,700	2.00	2.16	3.40	3.67
Next 90,000	1.90	2.05	3.23	3.49
Over 100,000	1.80	1.94	3.06	3.30
<i>Irrigation</i>				
Next 9,700	3.40	3.67	5.78	6.24
Next 90,000	3.23	3.49	5.49	5.93
Over 100,000	3.06	3.30	5.20	5.61
<i>All Others</i>				
Next 9,700	1.90	2.05	3.23	3.49
Next 90,000	1.80	1.94	3.06	3.30
Over 100,000	1.70	1.82	2.89	3.09

The **Sewer Base Rate** is remaining the same:

Meter Size (inches)	In City Current	Out of City Current
5/8	6.00	10.20
1	6.00	10.20
1 ½	6.00	10.20
2	9.60	16.32
3	19.20	32.64
4	30.00	51.00
6	60.00	102.00
8	96.00	163.20
10	150.00	255.00

The **Sewer Volumetric Rate** is changing as follows:

Monthly Water Use	In City		Out of City	
	Current	May 1st	Current	May 1st
Each 100 ft <sup>3</sup> used	2.90	3.13	4.93	5.32

## "What will a rate restructure mean for me?"

Many residential customers in the City would not see their bill increase by much. For example, if a single family household\* used on average 200 gallons per day (6,000 gallons per month), they might only see their bill increase by \$2.64 per month. That's less than the cost of a gallon of gas!

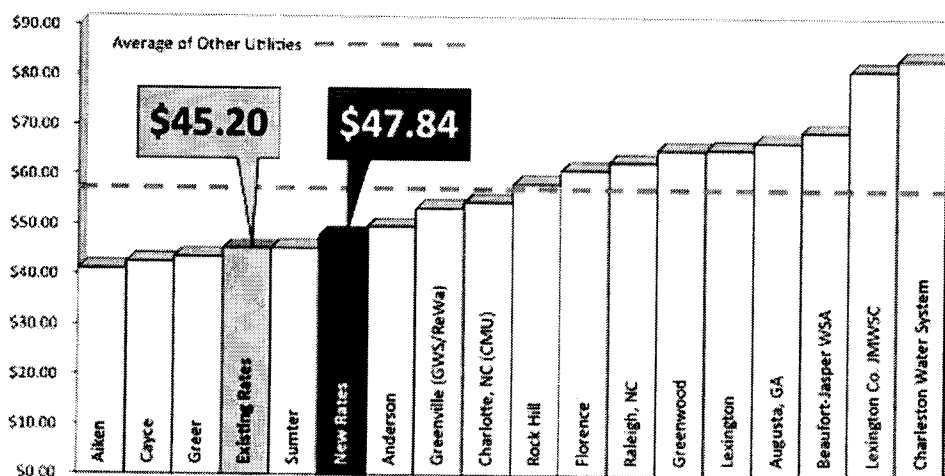
*\* Based on an in-City customer on a 5/8" tap line. Combined water and sewer bill would increase from \$45.20 to \$47.84.*

## Before and After: Rate Comparison

Even with the proposed rate restructure, the City of Columbia's water and sewer rates would be among the lowest in the region. The graphs below show that a typical 6,000 gallon per month residential customer both inside the City and outside the City would still pay less after the rate restructure than the average rate for the region.

Comparing City of Columbia Water & Sewer Rates with Other Utility Systems:  
Combined Water & Sewer Rate for a

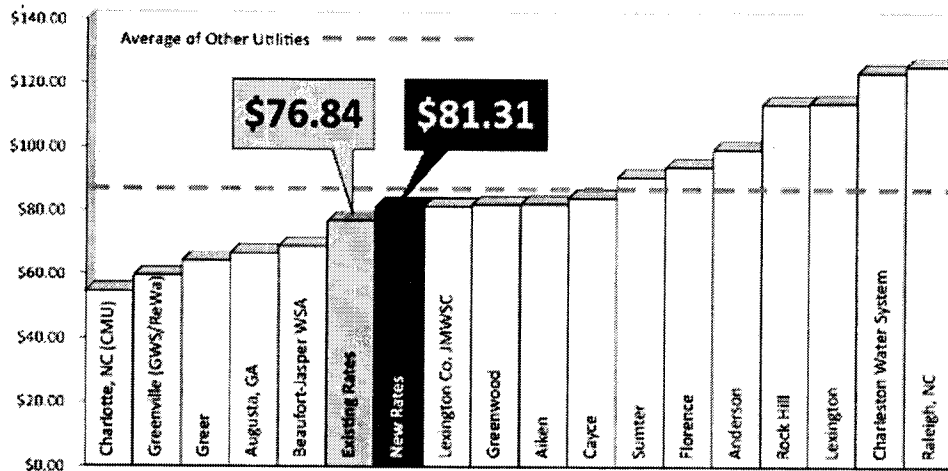
### Typical Residential Inside-City Customer



Assumes an inside-City residential customer receiving 800 cubic feet (approx. 6,000 gallons) per month of water and wastewater service. Rates for the neighboring utilities shown were in effect as of March 1, 2013 as reported by each respective utility. Rates may have changed since that time.

Comparing City of Columbia Water & Sewer Rates with Other Utility Systems:  
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## Typical Residential Outside-City Customer



Assumes an outside-City residential customer receiving 800 cubic feet (approx. 6,000 gallons) per month of water and wastewater service. Rates for the neighboring utilities shown were in effect as of March 1, 2013 as reported by each respective utility. Rates may have changed since that time.